EXHIBIT A

- 1. Apparatus for freeing a fishing lure and hook from obstructions comprising in combination:
 - a sleeve;

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- a slit in the sleeve for receiving a fishing line secured to the lure:
- a plurality of chain elements secured to the sleeve <u>including a plurality of links</u>, and <u>each link includes a barb</u>; and
- a line secured to the sleeve for lowering the sleeve on the fishing line and its chain elements to free the lure from obstructions.